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## ON THE OLYMPIA.

**Barrell of Alcohol Exploded  
Dealing Death to Two Men  
and Injuring Others.**

### THE FLUID SMUGGLED ON BOARD.

**Corp. Yerkes Fell Into the Burning  
Mass and Was Slowly  
Roasted to Death.**

**The Executive Officer Has Ordered a  
Thorough Search of the Ship and  
the Yard—One Man Placed  
Under Arrest.**

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 14.—Lieut. Commander Van Doser, executive officer of the cruiser Olympia, Sunday gave out an official statement of the facts attending the explosion of a barrel of alcohol on the cruiser's deck Saturday night, causing the death of Marine Corporal J. S. Yerkes, of Philadelphia, and Apprentice Seifert, and the serious injury of Third Class Master-at-Arms Caster and Apprentice Shavey, in addition to the burning of the cruiser's forward awnings and awning supports. The explosion resulted indirectly from the smuggling of alcohol into the navy yard by members of the cruiser's crew.

The statement of Lieut. Commander Van Doser says: "The entire crew of the Olympia were returning aboard after 48 hours' shore liberty when a five-gallon water breaker full of alcohol was discovered in the forward turret. The executive officer at once ordered a thorough search of the ship and the yard in her vicinity to find any other spirits that might have been smuggled. As the cruiser is in dry-dock all her small boats are lined in rows along the wharf near the dry-dock. Between two of these boats two men were discovered. One fled and escaped in the darkness. The other was placed under arrest. Where the men were hiding was found a full barrel of alcohol which had been broached. It was by orders carried aboard the Olympia to be emptied into the alcohol tank on the aft deck. This tank being full, the barrel was carried forward by Corp. Yerkes, Seifert, Spavey and Caster. In the meantime the crew was called to quarters and every man accounted for. While the men were in line answering the roll the detachment with the barrel began pouring its contents into a tank on the port side of the forward turret. They had scarcely begun when, in a manner yet to be ascertained, the fumes of the spirits became ignited and exploded with terrific force. Both ends of the barrel were blown out, followed by a torrent of burning alcohol, that spread in a flood of flame over the forward main deck. Yerkes was struck in the head by a stove from the barrel and fell into the burning mass. He was roasted to death. The other three men were also struck by flying fragments of the barrel, but were knocked away from the center of the fire and thus escaped fatal injury."

### EXPLOSION IN A RAILWAY YARD.

**Two Men Killed, Two Injured, One of Whom May Die.**

Bay City, Mich., Sept. 14.—Clarence D. Hopper and Roy Boucher, switchmen of the Michigan Central railroad, were instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite in a car in the yards at West Bay City Sunday. Robert Roblin, engineer; William Noble, fireman, and John Cradle, conductor, were injured, the latter so severely that he may die. All of the trainmen were residents of this city. The explosion occurred as a switch engine was making up a train. The engine backed down upon several cars, the first containing a thousand pounds of dynamite, a consignment of Lee-Metford rifles and a quantity of reduced charge shells for indoor rifle practice, and it is said the force with which it struck the explosive laden car exploded the dynamite. A big hole was torn in the ground by the explosion a score of freight cars, many loaded, were demolished, and nearly 300 houses in the vicinity suffered broken windows and several were so badly wrecked as to be uninhabitable. The shock was felt in Essexville, three miles from the scene.

### Protest Miller's Reinstatement.

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—After a lengthy discussion the Central Trades and Labor union, at its meeting Sunday, voted unanimously to protest to President Roosevelt against his action in reinstating W. A. Miller in the government printing office.

London, Ky., Sept. 14.—There has been a decided improvement in Judge Boreling's condition since Saturday night, and it is now thought that the chances for his recovery are good.

## DEATH OF COL. R. T. JACOB.

**He Was a Picturesque Figure During  
the Civil War.**

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 14.—Col. R. T. Jacob, a picturesque figure during the civil war, died at his home in this city Sunday. Col. Jacob was 78 years old, and was widely known as the man who saved Kentucky from secession and also as the captor of Gen. John Morgan.

Col. Jacob's career began with a trip across the plains in 1845. He crossed in time to join Fremont's command for service during the Mexican war. Returning to Kentucky he was elected to the legislature as a democrat. The secession question came before the legislature and Col. Jacob created surprise by refusing to vote with the Breckinridge party, his vote giving a plurality of one for the unionists against secession. When active hostilities opened Col. Jacob organized the 9th Kentucky (union) cavalry. He participated in the smashing of Morgan's raid, and it was to Col. Jacob and his command that the confederate leader and a number of his followers surrendered. Near the close of the war Col. Jacob became lieutenant governor of Kentucky.

Col. Jacob's wife, Sarah Benton, daughter of Thomas H. Benton, died many years ago.

## THE FAMOUS METEORITE.

**Suit Entered in the Circuit Court For  
Its Possession.**

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 14.—Suit has been instituted in the Bath county circuit court by the heirs of F. M. Ewing to recover from T. J. Pergram the famous 300-pound meteorite which was seen from Northern Ohio to New Orleans on November 15, last, and which fell on the land of the Ewing estate. J. Hugh Pergram discovered the meteorite while hunting and he dug it up. He has been offered large sums for it.

Similar suits have been tried in the United States in the last few years, the court deciding the meteorites to be the property of the landowner, while a like suit in France resulted in the aerolite becoming the property of the one finding it.

## SESSION TO LAST THREE DAYS.

**Supreme Lodge of Knights and Ladies  
of Honor in Louisville.**

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 14.—The 14th biennial session of the supreme lodge, Knights and Ladies of Honor, will be held in this city, beginning Tuesday, September 15. The sessions will last three days. One hundred and fifty delegates are expected to attend the meeting, at which business of more importance than has come before the body for a number of years will be transacted.

## Waylaid and Robbed.

Newport, Ky., Sept. 14.—The surgeons at Ft. Thomas dressed the wounds of an old man who resides at Coldspring, but who did not give his name. He stated that he was walking home on the Alexandria pike, when he was assaulted by two men, who beat him up and left him in a semi-conscious condition at the side of the road, after rifling his pockets.

## Illicit Distilleries Raided.

Owingsville, Ky. Sept. 14.—United States Marshal Prest Jackson made a raid in Rowan and Morgan counties and arrested H. H. Ross Martin Jones, Henry Cassidy, W. H. Baldridge and John Roberts on the charge of illicit distilling. They were released on \$500 bonds for their appearance at Catlettsburg court on December 14.

## Mrs. Carrie Nation in Kentucky.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has arrived here on a visit to her uncle, Squire Alex Campbell, and other relatives. Her visit to Kentucky, she stated, was only a vacation, and she could not make any speeches. She goes from here to Michigan in a few days.

## Rattlesnake in Her Bed.

Rockport, Ky., Sept. 14.—When Miss Josie Hampton retired she felt something moving in the bed. Turning on the light she saw a rattlesnake, seven feet long, crawling under the cover. She screamed, and her father, gun in hand, rushed into the room and shot the reptile.

## Charles Butler For Representative.

Bedford, Ky., Sept. 14.—The republicans of Trimble county met in mass convention here and nominated Chas. Butler for representative from the counties of Oldham and Trimble. The convention also selected delegates to the railroad convention.

## Fatally Wounded at a Dance.

Cynthiana, Ky., Sept. 14.—During a dance Saturday night at Mack Lizer's at Lair Station, four miles south of this place, Chester Laytart, it is charged, shot and fatally wounded Lon McDuffy. McDuffy will die. Laytart has fled.

## VESSELS WRECKED

**South Florida Swept by Strongest  
Hurricane Ever Known  
in That Section.**

### THE ACCOUNTS ARE INCOMPLETE.

**At Jupiter the Wind Blew 75 Miles  
an Hour and the Rain  
Fell in Torrents.**

**The Telegraph Lines Leading From  
Tampa in All Directions Are  
Down and the City is in  
Total Darkness.**

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 14.—Beginning Friday morning on the east coast and Saturday morning on the west and lasting 24 hours, South Florida has been swept by the strongest hurricane known in that part of the state. The wires went down at the beginning and railroad service was delayed. On that account no details reached here until Sunday. Even now they are incomplete.

At Miami the wind attained a velocity of 65 miles an hour. The car shed of the East Coast railroad was lifted from its foundations, clear of the cars that were under it, and demolished. Several small boats were sunk in the bay. Passengers on the East Coast train which arrived Sunday night report that they saw many wrecks along the shore from Miami to Hobbes sound. There is one four-masted and one three-masted schooner and several smaller vessels. Their names are not known. A Standard Oil Co. steamer with two barges is on the beach near Boynton. The crew of 15 men was saved. Bodies of two unknown white men drifted on the beach near Boynton. At Stuart 15 acres of pineapple sheds were blown down. At Jupiter the wind blew 75 miles an hour with the rain falling in torrents.

Taking a day in crossing the peninsula the storm struck Tampa Saturday morning soon after attaining a velocity of 70 miles an hour and raged all day. The roofs of the Almeria and DeSoto hotels were blown off. Several cigar factories were badly damaged at Ybor City and several buildings were unroofed. In Tampa the Hampton block was unroofed and six small dwellings were blown down. No loss of life is reported. The streets are a tangle of wires. Street lines made no effort to run cars. The wires leading from Tampa in all directions are down and the city is in total darkness.

Other places on the west coast and in the interior have not been heard from and it is feared that when reports come in the damage will be vastly increased. The orange and grape fruit crops have been greatly injured.

The wires west of Madison went down at 9 o'clock Sunday night indicating that the storm is now raging in Middle Florida.

## TUNNEL CAVED IN.

**One Man Dead, Two Hurt and Ten or  
Twelve Missing.**

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 14.—By a cave-in at the Green Tree tunnel of the Wabash railroad in Green Tree borough late Saturday night one man was killed, two hurt and ten or twelve laborers are missing. Fellow workmen believe the missing are buried under the ten feet of coal, slate, rock and other debris that chokes the tunnel for a distance of 55 feet.

## Fatal Automobile Accident.

Milwaukee, Sept. 14.—Frank Day, of Columbus, O., was killed in an automobile accident on the state fair grounds while driving Barney Oldfield's machine in a five-mile race against time. The machine swerved into a fence and toppled over.

## To Investigate a Lynching.

St. Louis, Sept. 14.—The September grand jury will be impaneled in Belleville, Ill., Monday and will make a thorough investigation of the lynching of the negro school teacher, David S. Wyatt, on June 6. Wyatt, who shot a school director but did not kill him, was strung up on the public square by a mob.

## Will Ask the President to Intercede.

Boston, Sept. 14.—At a mass meeting of Armenians from all over the United States held in this city, resolutions were adopted that President Roosevelt be petitioned to intercede to protect the lives and property of Armenian-Americans in Russia.

## Will Receive a Warm Welcome.

San Juan, P. R., Sept. 14.—A popular demonstration is being organized in honor of Gov. Hunt, who will return here October 1. Some of the federal leaders refuse to co-operate in the affair for political reasons.

## A PLANTER KILLED.

**Furnifold G. Simmons Found Dead on  
His Plantation.**

Newbern, N. C., Sept. 14.—Furnifold G. Simmons, father of Senator F. M. Simmons, was killed Saturday on his plantation a few miles from Pollocksville, Jones county. He had been missing since Saturday morning. The body was found near a river bank. Mr. Simmons had been shot several times with a shotgun. Bruises about the head indicated that he was clubbed also. Mr. Simmons was a quiet man, about 75 years old. The cause of the killing is unknown. A Negro of the name of Daniels has been arrested as the slayer. Another account from Pollocksville says that Mr. Simmons was killed by a trespasser who was squirrel hunting on his land and whom Mr. Simmons went after when he heard the shooting.

## TRAGEDY IN JAIL.

**Prisoner Shoots Two Officers and Is  
Himself Killed.**

Edna, Tex., Sept. 14.—Sheriff Geo. F. Wharton and Deputy Frank Brugh Sunday arrested a man known as McCagle, of Philadelphia, on a charge of attempted swindling. McCagle was conveyed to jail without trouble, but when the officers attempted to search him the prisoner drew a revolver and opened fire. The first bullet struck Sheriff Wharton and the second mortally wounded the deputy. The sheriff while falling drew his revolver and fired at the prisoner, killing him instantly. Wharton, when picked up, was dead and Brugh died an hour later.

## ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE MANSION.

**Massive Porch in Front the Structure  
Struck By Lightning.**

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—The top of the massive porch at the front of the executive mansion was struck by lightning Sunday afternoon during a storm. The bolt of lightning was a terrific one, and two great balls of fire seemed to fall from the porch. Gov. Yates thought the porch had caught fire and telephoned for the fire department. The fire marshal and a part of the fire department answered the summons but could find no fire. The bolt of lightning was one of the most terrifying ever witnessed here.

## EMPEROR FRANCIS JOSEPH.

**His Abdication as King of Hungary  
Freely Discussed.**

London, Sept. 14.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail declares that the Hungarian political crisis has become so acute that the abdication of Emperor Francis Joseph as king of Hungary is freely discussed in the latter country, and although no party leader is willing to openly discuss this probability, there is a strong feeling in favor of Hungary's right to choose its own king, the candidate favored being the German Emperor's second son, Prince Eitel.

## KILLED ON THE STREET.

**Dr. A. R. Harmanson Shot Charles  
Medicis at Opelousas, La.**

Opelousas, La., Sept. 14.—Dr. A. R. Harmanson shot and killed Charles Medicis Sunday morning, using a Winchester rifle. Medicis was passing on the street when the fatal shot was fired, he being unarmed. Dr. Harmanson surrendered to the sheriff. He claims that Medicis is the author of several anonymous letters attacking the reputation of members of his family. Medicis was prominent, as is Dr. Harmanson.

## BALLPLAYER BADLY INJURED.

**Missed His Hold and Was Run Over  
By a Street Car.**

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 14.—Umpire Oille Conn, of the "Three I" league, was badly injured after the Cedar Rapids-Decatur game at Decatur Sunday evening. He was endeavoring to get on a street car, but missed his hold and was run over. He was taken to St. Mary's hospital, where his right arm was amputated. His left leg was badly crushed. He may not recover. His home is in Mount Zion, Ill.

## Kicked to Death.

Norwich, N. Y., Sept. 14.—In a fight at McDonough, Tracy H. Borrows was kicked to death by Frank Gole, whom Borrows had just shot in the neck with a revolver. Borrows had accused Gole of escorting his wife to the Green county fair.

## A Fatal Shooting at Wheeling.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 14.—Lijah James, known as "Black Prince," fatally shot William Jeffries during a street fight. Both men are colored and members of a small minstrel troupe. The trouble grew out of James' alleged insult to Jeffries' wife.

## ILLEGAL COINAGE.

**Convicts in Eastern Pennsylvania  
Penitentiary Counterfeiting  
Minor Silver Pieces.**

### DARING SCHEME NIPPED IN BUD.

**There Are Also Gross Irregularities  
in the Cigar Department of the  
Big Prison Reported.**

**Pending Investigation the Overseer of  
the Department Was Temporarily  
Relieved From Duty—Chaplain  
Placed in Charge.**

Philadelphia, Sept. 14.—Following closely upon the exposure of gross irregularities in the cigar department of the eastern state penitentiary came the public announcement Sunday night that the illegal coinage of minor silver pieces has been carried on by convicts in the big institution. No details of the counterfeiting scheme can be learned from any of the officials connected with the prison or from the government officers that have been assigned to the case. The fact that such a daring scheme had been carried on in the penitentiary was made public by George Vaux, jr., one of the prison inspectors, who summoned newspaper men to his home and voluntarily made the disclosure.

He gave out a brief statement which is as follows: "Dr. W. D. Robinson and Mr. Vaux, jr., who are at present the visiting inspectors on duty at the eastern penitentiary, made the statement that there has come to their official knowledge that within a short time an attempt has been made by certain convicts now confined in the penitentiary to manufacture counterfeit silver coins. But a few pieces were made and a number of these have come into the possession of the inspectors together with the metals and chemicals used, the attempt thus being nipped in the bud. The evidence in the case is not yet complete but all that has been secured has been submitted to the United States authorities."

Mr. Vaux refused absolutely to give any more details than contained in his statement. From other sources, however, it was learned that dimes, quarters and half dollars were the coins manufactured. The discovery was made several days ago and United States secret service officials were immediately called in. Their investigation, it is learned, is still in progress, their principal object being to learn whether there was collusion between the convicts and employees of the institution.

It is believed the discovery of counterfeiting in the prison was the result of the investigation now being carried on in the place as a result of the irregularities in the cigar department. The irregularities became public matter last week, and pending an investigation Warden Daniel W. Bussinger and the overseer of the cigar department were temporarily relieved from duty and the penitentiary placed in charge of Rev. Joseph Welch, the chaplain. It is alleged that thousands of cigars made by convicts are unaccounted for, that thousands of them did not contain the internal revenue stamps and that in many instances the law requiring prison made cigars to be stamped "Convict made" was ignored. How long this has been carried on is yet to be learned. The government of the penitentiary is vested in a board of five inspectors appointed by the governor who serve without salary. This board is now making an inspection of each branch of the institution and has employed an expert accountant to go over the books. In addition to this the internal revenue officers are carrying on a separate investigation.

Dr. William D. Robinson, one of the inspectors, in speaking of the affair, said that the inspectors have not found anything that militates against the personal integrity and ability of the warden, but had found abundant evidence that the old methods so long in vogue are faulty and antiquated. Warden Bussinger has been permitted to engage an accountant to protect his interests in the matter of his accounts.

## Signor Marconi in Canada.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—Signor Marconi, who has been in the city for the past two days, had a dinner with Lord Minto at Rideau hall. Marconi interviewed Minister Fielding and some of the other ministers. He expects to start an overland system as soon as he has had his trans-Atlantic system in working order.

## Sir Thomas Lipton Ill.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 14.—When Sir Thomas Lipton arrived in this city, en route for the west, he was suffering from cramps and indigestion to such an extent that Dr. D. R. Kinloch was summoned. At one time Lipton's condition was serious.